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Outrage at pumps over price hike

Hurricane Ike's impact hits home

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Halifax drivers are still fuming one day after gas prices skyrocketed 12 cents a litre at stations throughout the city.

"I think it's pathetic," said Eastern Passage's Cynthia Connors, as she filled up her Nissan Frontier truck at the Esso station on Robie Street early Sunday afternoon. "It is price gouging."

Exactly at 12:01 a.m. on Saturday, the Nova Scotia government invoked its "interrupter clause" in response to Hurricane Ike and its affect on gasoline supplies in North America. The province, which uses a regulated system in setting prices, matched similar increases across the country from a day earlier and raised the price by over 12 cents.

In Halifax, the price for regular self-serve has jumped from just under \$1.31 per litre to just more than \$1.43.

Normally, gas prices are set each Friday, but the "interrupter clause" can be used in case of extreme market conditions.

In the wake of Hurricane Ike, which made landfall in Texas on Saturday, several major

"They're trying to make a quick buck."

Barry Kendall

oil refineries in the Gulf Coast of the United States shut down operations, causing gas prices to shoot up.

"I absolutely think they're trying to make a quick buck," Digby's Barry Kendall said of the oil companies, as he put gas into his Chevrolet HHR. "There's no way something that is just happening should affect our prices so quickly."

Connors spent \$80 to fill up her truck, which was about a quarter-full. Connors was heading to Port Hawkesbury where she attends school during the week.

"I won't be coming home every weekend now," she proclaimed. "Every three weekends, maybe."

Initial reports are the refineries in the path of Ike received limited damage

because of the storm, but it's unclear when they will be back in working operation. It's also unclear when, and if, prices will come down as a result.

"I expect it will be nice and slow," Kendall said.

The price for regular self-serve jumped more than 12 cents in one day Friday.



Cole Harbour

Snow Day



Four-year-old Alexander Meade looks surprised as he plays with a snowball he made from the snow that the Zamboni dropped off behind Cole Harbour Place on Saturday afternoon.

Arrest made after man stabbed in face

ATTACK Halifax Regional Police have a 43-year-old man in custody after a 38-year-old male was stabbed three times in the face early Sunday morning. The incident took place at about 1:55 a.m. on the 2,400 block of Brunswick Street.

The injuries are serious, but not life threatening.

The 43-year-old, who knew the victim, was taken into custody shortly after the incident. It is undetermined what charges will be laid in the case.

Power rates set to rise, reports say

NSP There are media reports that Nova Scotia Power has a deal in place to raise homeowners' electricity bills by 9.3 per cent.

The proposed deal is expected to go before the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board this morning. A meeting of the review board was already scheduled for today to look into the utility's initial request of a 12.1 per cent rate increase.

Any hike in rates would take effect on Jan. 1, 2009.

Nobody from NSP could be reached for comment yesterday. **METRO HALIFAX**

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Road poll shows satisfaction

A survey conducted by the provincial transportation department says 75 per cent of respondents feel safe on the roads. **METRO HALIFAX**

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Local



Ruth Ann Vogt, left, and Betty Godfrey have participated in the Terry Fox Run every year for almost three decades. The 28th annual event, held yesterday, is a fundraiser for cancer research.

Fox Run raises \$15K

DEVIN STEVENS
for Metro Halifax

Darks skies threatened rain yesterday afternoon, but held off long enough for the 28th annual Terry Fox Run to get underway in Hubbards.

More than 60 people began the 10 kilometre run at the Shore Club around 1 p.m. Rhys Harnish, Shore Club owner and run organizer, said the event raised about \$15,000.

"I think everybody in Canada has been touched by Terry Fox in some

way," Harnish said.

"Everybody old enough to witness what he did, who witnessed just his humble approach."

Runner Adam Harnish's father died from cancer when he was just 10 years old. Now 28, he says he does the Terry Fox Run every year, running across the Confederation Bridge between P.E.I. and New Brunswick in years past.

"The last few years we've done it," said the sweaty and out-of-breath runner after his run.

"My wife should be coming up right behind

me actually."

Ruth Ann Vogt and Betty Godfrey have taken part in 27 Terry Fox Runs. They say the number of people participating has dropped in the last few years.

"More young people should be participating in it, not us old fogies," Godfrey said.

"It's such a worthy cause," Vogt added. "There seems to always be a need for that money. And there's so many different forms of cancer. They can't seem to lick the problem."

New HRM draft to go before public for input

The second draft of HRM by Design's plan for the downtown core comes out today, kicking off six weeks of public input before the strategy goes before regional council.

Project manager Andy Fillmore, says reaction to the first draft was mixed, with a small group saying buildings would be too big to preserve Halifax's heritage, and another small group saying they wouldn't be big enough.

"We've heard from the majority of residents and city builders who are in the middle of those two polls," Fillmore said. "(They say) the balance the plan strikes between growth and heritage is exactly right."

Fillmore said most of the public feedback over the next few weeks will be in written submissions. There's also a public hearing scheduled for Sept. 24 at the Cunniff Centre.

Old strategy

- "We've been working with a 30-year-old municipal planning strategy," Fillmore said. "Without this plan I think we'll continue to see parking lots on the waterfront, vacant buildings throughout the downtown, crumbling heritage, and unsuitable lack of density in the downtown core."

The general idea of the HRM by Design plan hasn't changed since the first draft, Fillmore said. It still focuses on beautiful architecture, a dense population, and more sustainability in the downtown.

Fillmore said most of the changes are in the technical details, like building sizes, land use bylaws and building setbacks. **DEVIN STEVENS/ FOR METRO HALIFAX**



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News in brief

MUSIC Young music enthusiasts through Grades 7 to 12 interested in learning about the industry will have the chance to do so with musician Mike King. King, through Tantramar Theatre, will host a the program, dubbed School of Rock, on weekends in October. **METRO HALIFAX**

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What's online today.

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Harper defends appointed candidates

RACHEL BOOMER
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Prime Minister Stephen Harper said Friday parachuting four Conservative candidates into Nova Scotia ridings was "the right decision."

That's despite the controversy over Rosamond Luke, the former Halifax Tory hopeful, who withdrew last week because she had been convicted of uttering threats.

"I feel very comfortable comparing any of our candidates to anyone running for any of the other parties," Harper told reporters in Halifax.

Had the Conservatives gone the traditional route and allowed local party associations to hold nomination meetings, Harper said, "the candidates would spend all their time campaigning for the nomination and would miss half the riding campaign."

Conservatives have now appointed Ted Larsen to carry the party banner in Alexa McDonough's for-



Conservative Leader and Prime Minister Stephen Harper delivers a speech to the Halifax Chamber of Commerce on Friday. Canadians will head to the polls for a federal election October 14.

mer riding. A former reporter and later political worker, the 56-year-old now runs a rental-property business.

Harper, who spoke to a crowd of over 500 at a Hal-

ifax Chamber of Commerce breakfast, announced Friday he'll allow more foreign investment in airlines and uranium mining if he's re-elected. He also said Canada will reserve the

right to block foreign takeovers if they jeopardize national security.

Those recommendations come from the a report commissioned by Ottawa last year. That report also

recommended allowing bank mergers and foreign ownership of some telecommunications companies, but Harper said the country isn't ready for that.

Election 2008

Oil worries

- The federal Conservatives will try to turn Canadians' worries over gas prices to their advantage later in the campaign

In Halifax Friday, Prime Minister Stephen Harper said he believes oil companies are gouging drivers.

"It certainly appears that way to me," Harper told reporters.

He didn't, however, offer any hints about what his party will do about it, other than to say they'll do something.

"We will be making some announcements on this issue a little later in the campaign. We are prepared to take steps."

Nova Scotia has banned uranium mining. Premier Rodney MacDonald told reporters afterward he won't change that ban despite Harper's move.

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Stray cats have a home - for now

LONDONDERRY Venita George is looking for some help, and she is not too proud to beg.

Both her home and community are being overrun by stray cats.

Without intervention or assistance, she is at her wit's end as to how to deal with the rapidly multiplying problem.

"I know I've got 11 outside and I've got 12 in the house and it's getting hard," she said, of the cats that have been taking up residence under her house, in her shed, and wherever else they can find shelter.

"It's getting hard trying to get the proper help they need."

After starting out with a couple cats of her own, George began taking in some stray kittens last year, which she has had fixed so they couldn't reproduce, until she ended up with six cats living under her roof.

Then the outdoor strays started to take up residence under her house

and, before she knew it, there were more kittens to deal with.

"So it's kittens having kittens and they don't know what to do with them," she said.

"There was one outdoors at three weeks old last October... And then you have others moving in and looking at you, they're starving, freezing. We had one freeze to death (last winter) right in the yard. That's horrible."

As a committed pet lover, George's softer side ends up getting the best of her and, much to her husband Howard's chagrin, she can't see any of the orphaned felines going without food or shelter.

But the SPCA is dealing with its own cat population problems, and with veterinarian and food bills climbing — she estimates having spent more than \$2,500 on cats so far this year — she is reaching her limit, and is now looking elsewhere for help to find homes for the cats.

TRURO DAILY NEWS

Comic crashes Harper scrum

TELEVISION This Hour Has 22 Minutes comic Geri Hall got more than she bargained for Friday when she crashed Prime Minister Stephen Harper's post-speech conflagration with the media.

Hall, in character as Single Female Voter, was hauled out of the room by Harper's security detail and handcuffed after she shouted several questions to Harper.

"I love you," she belted, as she was bodily shoved out of the room.

Later, a perhaps apologetic Harper summoned Hall for a one-on-one interview that turned the incident into a risqué joke.

"Do you like handcuffs?" he asked her.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

News in brief

FARMING Erratic weather throughout 2008, not just record-setting rainfall amounts in August, have disrupted the farming cycle in all parts of the province, but particularly along the Northumberland shore, farmer Harold Tattrie said. Bad weather, particularly this late in the season, has beaten down grain and barley and hampered corn crops, Tattrie said.

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Sally Ann gives kudos

The Salvation Army is congratulating its supporters and partners for reaching \$3 million for Operation: Building Hope. **METRO HALIFAX**

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Candidates set to tackle issues

Election 2008

Job losses, the cost of energy and environmental concerns are high on the list of issues candidates from Dartmouth-Cole Harbour plan to tackle in the upcoming federal election.

"Mean income hasn't really changed in Canada yet the cost of living has changed dramatically," said NDP candidate Brad Pye.

As an international aid worker, Pye has devoted much of his life to helping others in war-torn regions of the world and now he'd like to help those in the neighbourhood where he

grew up.

Pastor George Campbell, with the Christian Heritage Party of Canada, says the "moral fabric" of Canadian society is disintegrating and he'd like to help piece it back together.

"We don't have to look to third-world countries anymore to see children starving; we can see them right here at home," he said.

Adding taxes to already high fuel and energy costs won't do anything but pull more Nova Scotians into poverty, he said.

Liberal incumbent Michael Savage says the economic downturn in the country and job losses. And he's ready to take action on the environment before it's too late.

"Are we going to play our part or are we going to continue doing nothing?"

MP Michael Savage

said.

After almost two decades as a high school teacher, Wanda Webber, Conservative candidate for the riding, is looking out for the younger generations in the province.

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Show highlights Cape Breton success

BUSINESS Several Cape Bretoners among finalists for the fourth annual Atlantic Aboriginal Entrepreneur Awards.

Ulnooeweg is the host of the awards show to be held in Charlottetown, Wednesday.

The Atlantic Aboriginal Entrepreneur Awards Show gives aboriginal people in Atlantic Canada the opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate their business sector successes in the region.

Cape Breton businesses were finalists included Kirk Christmas, of Goodfella's Construction; Brenda Googoo, Brenda's Giftware and Smoke Shop in Eskasoni; Mary Louise Bernard, Buckskin Tales and Indian Maiden Maple Syrup of Wagmatcook; and Norman Morris Sr. of Morris Trucking who's up for a Lifetime Achievement Award.

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News in brief

PARTY Kraft is hosting a celebration in Margaretsville later this month at the Margaretsville Hall Community Centre to help celebrate with the summer sweepstakes winners. Earlier this summer Kraft started an initiative to help communities improve parks, and recently announced that Margaretsville would receive a \$50,000 grant to upgrade its community hall.

AGREEMENT The New Minas village commission and a former village clerk-treasurer have reached a resolution of Human Rights and civil court actions initiated by the former employee. The commission announced last week that the parties had reached a mutually satisfactory resolution.

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Riding: Dartmouth-Cole Harbour

Dartmouth-Cole Harbour is home to 88,510 people according to the 2001 census. It is one of the most diverse – geographically, culturally and economically – ridings in HRM.

Just over 14,000 people living in the riding have a University degree.

There are 47,575 people in the labour force and the riding has an unemployment rate of seven per cent. Liberal candidate Michael Savage has been the MP for the area since he was first elected in 2004.



Wanda Webber

AGE: 57

PARTY: Conservative

POSITION: High School Teacher

"One of the times we went to listen to Stephen Harper I thought his every word seemed to have meaning. I thought, 'I wonder how somebody gets into a position to work under someone like this?'"



Michael Savage

AGE: 48

PARTY: Liberal

POSITION: Business Executive

"People are feeling the pinch of a tightening economy and that's a big issue. The Liberals have proven in the past that they can clean up Conservative messes and get the country on the right track."



Green Party candidate yet to be announced



Brad Pye

AGE: 33

PARTY: New Democratic

POSITION: International Aid Worker

"I decided to run because of my four-year-old son. I wonder what the country will look like in 20 years when he's 25; I wonder if there isn't a better way to do it."



George Campbell

AGE: 61

PARTY: Christian Heritage Party of Canada

POSITION: Pastor, School bus driver

"My focus is on poverty and the economic situation that Canada's in; the hike in fuel costs is a prime example of it."



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Hey candidates – watch where you stick those signs! HRM staff is warning candidates that their signs should be posted on private property and not obstructing the view of motorists. Signs can't be put on utility poles or on city-owned trees either. **METRO HALIFAX**

Schmittville should be protected: Sloane

PHILIP CROUCHER
for Metro Halifax



Downtown Halifax councillor Dawn Sloane wants to have the Schmittville area of her riding

deemed a Residential Comprehensive Development District, which would limit new buildings to low rise, in keeping with the community's architecture.

The Schmittville area,

which houses homes built in the 1800s, covers Clyde St. to Wright Ave. and South Park to Queen. Area residents recently started The Friends of Schmittville group, with the goal of protecting

themselves from one day having a large office or condominium building constructed in their community.

"It's better to be proactive than reactive, because when you become

reactive, it's too late," said Sloane, who will bring this motion to council tomorrow night. "Better to be on the side of caution and to have staff go in and work on this."

Sloane is hoping staff

"It's better to be proactive than reactive ... when you become reactive, it's too late."

Coun. Dawn Sloane



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will adopt the same practice for Schmittville that was used on Brunswick Street, where an area known as The Brickyard received RCDD status, and saw new development consist of low-level condominium buildings.

There are no plans for any large buildings to be built in the area, but the Schmittville friends group decided to meet after a 19-storey residential development was approved by council on Brenton and South Park Street earlier this year.

Man in hospital after assault

BURNSIDE A 24-year-old man is facing a number of charges after one offender assaulted another with a broom handle and a sharp object at the Burnside Correctional Facility on Friday morning.

The 26-year-old victim received multiple lacerations in the incident, and was transported to hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

The 24-year-old will appear in court at a later date charged with several offences, including aggravated assault and assault with a weapon. The two men were known to each other.

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News in brief

MURDER A 20-year-old man has been charged with second-degree murder after a man was found dead early Saturday morning in the Chapel Island First Nations reserve in Richmond Co., Cape Breton. A cause of death isn't known, but an autopsy is expected to take place in Halifax this week.

JOGGINS An effort to maximize the potential spinoffs of being a UNESCO World Heritage site is the reason local businesses are being educated about the Joggins site. The Amherst and Area Chamber of Commerce wants businesses to promote the Fossil Cliffs to their customers, and in particular to tourists visiting the area. "We're trying to promote awareness," chamber president David McNairn said Thursday. "The more people know ... the more they will be able to talk to tourists." **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Airport expansion delayed

The Kwanlin Dun First Nation in Whitehorse has won an injunction that halts the opening of tenders for construction on the city's \$15 million airport expansion. **SOURCE: CBC NEWS ONLINE**

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Canada

Partiers undeterred

The trouble with police clampdowns on rowdy student parties is that the more charges you lay, the more headlines attract the party animals, as they're discovering this month around London, Ontario's Fanshawe College.

Officers laid a staggering 685 charges in the first

two weeks of school at Fanshawe for noise and liquor infractions. Campuses around the world are scrambling for new ways to fight tensions erupting in university towns.

"We hear from officials with the same problems in Italy, New Zealand, Germany, the United States,

the U.K.," said Kaye Crawford, manager of community relations for the city of Waterloo, which has the highest student-to-citizen ratio in Canada.

Flyers reminding student of bylaws and increased police presence are now common practices at schools. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Withdrawal date sound, says MacKay

AFGHANISTAN Setting a date to end Canada's combat role in Afghanistan by 2011 is consistent with the will of Parliament Defence Minister Peter MacKay said yesterday and said it was not a signal that the country is going to "cut and run" from the mission. **Peter MacKay**



MacKay said the Afghan pullout, announced by Conservative leader Stephen Harper, was in line with a resolution passed last May, extending the mission past its original end date of 2009, CBC News reported.

Retired Canadian major-general Lewis Mackenzie suggested last week that publicly setting a date for pulling troops out of a war zone could embolden the Taliban and increase attacks on Canadian troops. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Firefighters Day of mourning



Jean-Marc, right, and Lucille Waters, parents of Patrick Waters-Michaud, a wildland firefighter, mourn at the National Memorial Day for fallen firefighters on Parliament Hill in Ottawa yesterday. Waters-Michaud was killed in a helicopter crash near Fort McMurray, Alta., on July 22, 2007.

CHRISTOPHER PHEASANT

News in brief

QUEBEC Bloc Québécois Leader Gilles Duceppe pulled the Quebec constitutional debate into the federal election campaign mix, calling on Conservative Leader Stephen Harper to enshrine Quebec's status as a nation in the Canadian Constitution, CBC news reported. In 2006, Harper succeeded in passing a motion "recognizing that the Québécois form a nation within a united Canada." Duceppe's demand comes as the Bloc leader has faced stinging criticism during the election campaign from separatists saying his party has sidelined its work to Quebec sovereignty. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Protests held for resisters

VOTES Protesters gathered outside Edmonton City Hall this weekend, urging people to vote for parties supporting asylum for American soldiers who come to Canada to avoid fighting in the Iraq war, CBC News reported.

About 20 rallies from British Columbia to Newfoundland were held to support American soldiers seeking refugee status as conscientious objectors against the war in Iraq.

Protesters said the Conservatives are the only party that supports sending war resisters back to the U.S., while the opposition parties all supported a non-binding motion passed in the House of Commons in June to allow American war resisters to stay.

There are an estimated 200 U.S. war resisters in Canada. Pte. Robin Long, was the first to be deported.

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Backwards – the way to read an ad

How you say something, especially on TV, can be even more important than what you say

MIKE TENNANT
for Metro Canada



One of the best ways to interpret advertising, election or otherwise, is to learn to read an ad backwards — or sdrawkcaB, for those who already possess the skill.

To that end, let me teach you a little game I've learned after 25 years in the marketing business. When you first see a campaign ad, go backwards in your mind

and imagine yourself at the meeting where it was first conceived. Now imagine someone presenting the "brief": A document outlining the need for the ad and its specific objective. The content of an ad brief is usually a jealously guarded secret, which makes the guessing game all the more fun.

I'll show you what I mean: Consider a Conservative ad running this past week, featuring a Stephen Harper monologue. He's talking about ... well ... for our purpose it doesn't matter be-

News analysis

cause an essential part of so many TV ads is unspoken. Herein lies one of the poorest-kept secrets in my trade: How you say something, especially in a TV ad, can be as important — even more important — than what you say.

The ad opens on the prime minister in a wing chair in a homey environment. He's wearing a light blue shirt and a dark sweater vest. The colour of his eyes evokes memories of

Lake Louise in June. He's leaning forward in a heart-to-heart manner; his tone is soft and friendly. An occasional downward glance suggests he's searching his heart — if not the carpet fibres — for just the right words. Most importantly, we hear a touchy-feely piano track, the kind that screams, "Please, someone, hug me!"

Now, work backwards with me to the meeting that first begat the Harper ad. I'll bet the brief presented that day might have read something like this:

Required: 30-second TV

On the web

• See www.conservative.ca/EN/4579/102760 for the Stephen Harper ad referred to in Mike Tennant's column.

ad. Objective: Portray the PM as warm, human, emotional. Background: Designed to soften the opposition-inspired image of the PM as an iceman-ideologue, more interested in policy abstractions than in people and what affects them personally. Ad should reveal warmth within PM's often

cool-looking exterior. Wardrobe note: Go with a dark sweater vest — it's slimming.

The trick to this game is remembering that every ad is about solving a problem. By seeing a campaign ad as a solution, you can usually work backwards, and deduce the problem that inspired it. If nothing else, it's a nifty way to sneak a look inside a party's campaign playbook.

Mike Tennant is a freelance ad writer and co-creator/writer of Terry O'Reilly and the Age of Persuasion on CBC Radio One.



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News in brief

TRAVEL The Jack Layton campaign criss-crossed the nation this past week flying a total of 22.8 hours, or 13,484 kilometres, and landing in 11 cities stretching from Vancouver to St. John's. The New Democratic Party leader visited six provinces and one territory.

VOTES In 2006, 14,908,703 votes were cast. More than 1,561,039 voters cast their ballots at more than 3,371 polling stations on the three days of advance voting before election day.

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29 days remain until
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Flying the friendly skies

The verdict is in — reporters have christened Stephen Harper's campaign plane. The winning name is Sweater Vest Jet, a nod to Harper's carefully calculated image move this campaign to dress casually at some stops. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

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Working families on PM's agenda

Stephen Harper takes his campaign into the key battlegrounds of Ontario and Quebec this week, promising to step up attacks on the NDP and the Green party.

The prime minister kicks off Week 2 of the campaign in the nation's capital this morning before heading to

southwestern Ontario where he's expected to make a series of "affordable" announcements aimed at "improving the quality of life for working families," a party strategist said yesterday.

And expect Harper to sprinkle his daily speeches with criticisms of the Green

party and the New Democrats, a Conservative strategist said.

That's a response to what he claims is a shift in popular support away from the Liberals to these two other parties in the campaign's early days.

"They're beginning to challenge the Liberals as

our prime opponent in a number of key areas," the strategist told reporters yesterday. "Liberal support seems to be gravitating to the other two opposition parties."

And he singled out NDP Leader Jack Layton in particular, saying the NDP — not the Liberals — have been

serving as the official opposition to the government.

"While the Liberals were abstaining from votes and retreating in a number of issues, the NDP were standing firm," the strategist said.

"I think it has served them well," he said.

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Dion puts rocky start behind him

Brushing aside the Liberal party's dismal showing in the polls, Stéphane Dion heads back out on the election trail today convinced he is running a campaign that may have winning potential.

Dion feels he has put his rocky start behind him.

"I'm very satisfied," he said in Vancouver on the weekend when reporters asked how he felt about his first week on the campaign trail. After a string of glaring Conservative gaffes and impressive turnouts at his events in Vancouver on Friday and Saturday, Dion appears much more upbeat and at ease as he addresses the public.

The challenge for Dion now is to keep hammering home his key messages, especially his complex and politically risky green plan.

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Supporters applaud NDP Leader Jack Layton as he speaks at a brunch yesterday in Gatineau, Que.

Layton will continue to hound Harper

NDP Leader Jack Layton will ratchet up his attack on Prime Minister Stephen Harper in the second week of the campaign in addition to making cornerstone announcements on health care and poverty, a party spokesman says.

With Layton ahead of Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion in polls on who would be the best prime minister, party spokesman Brad Lavigne said the campaign is underscoring the need to make Harper the target, not Dion.

Layton emphasized that

"Harper is a catastrophe for women in Canada."

Jack Layton

point yesterday, calling Harper's government a disaster on gender issues.

"(Harper) does not like the pursuit of equality for women," Layton said in French to 100 supporters at a restaurant in Gatineau, Que. "Harper is a catastrophe for women in Canada."

Layton pointed to the government's changes last

year to groups funded by Status of Women Canada — changes that included deleting the word "equality" from funding criteria.

He also criticized a \$5-million cut to the agency's administrative budget, although the agency's overall budget was increased by \$10 million in the previous budget.

Layton pledged to restore any funding for women's groups cut by the Conservatives and to give them an additional \$120 million each year.

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A Food and Drug Administration panel of outside experts is set to review the agency's report issued last month saying that the chemical bisphenol A, or BPA, which is used in plastic products, is safe. Critics argue the FDA has ignored strong evidence in animal studies that BPA is harmful. **REUTERS**

Bisphenol A draws mixed messages from U.S.

World/Business

Relief efforts begin after Ike

Search teams picked their way through debris and inundated roadways in Texas yesterday, rescuing nearly 2,000 residents stranded after Hurricane Ike flooded coastal regions and cut power to millions of people.

State and local officials asked the federal government to speed up relief efforts, while warning peo-

ple not to return home until it was safe. About 2 million people were evacuated before the storm made landfall.

To add to the misery, officials warned of possible gasoline shortages even as the price of fuel was rising at the pump.

Ike cut a swath of destruction after slamming into the Texas coast early

Saturday and moving inland to Houston, the heart of the U.S. oil industry, forcing many refineries to shut down as a precaution.

President George W. Bush, who will visit Texas Tuesday, said it was too early to determine the extent of the damage to U.S. energy infrastructure. The storm also halted crude oil production in the Gulf of

Mexico, representing a quarter of U.S. output.

Authorities in Houston ordered a weeklong curfew because of flooding and downed power lines. Widespread outages could last for weeks.

Damage assessments have barely begun but early estimates suggest the bill could rise to \$18 billion. **REUTERS**

Obama campaign raises record \$66M in August

POLITICS U.S. Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama's fundraising machine rolls on with a record \$66 million in August and hundreds of thousands of new donors added to the ranks, a campaign spokesman said yesterday. Obama was running even or slightly behind his Republican rival John McCain in opinion polls but led him in the fundraising race through the summer. Obama has decided not to take public funds for the final two months leading up to the Nov. 4 election so

will need to spend some of that time raising cash. McCain is taking public financing so will receive \$84 million from a government presidential election fund.

Obama spokesman Bill Burton said the August figure was helped by 500,000 new donors.

The tally for the latest month exceeded the \$55 million for February, which marked a record for the Illinois senator and an all-time high for any presidential candidate during a primary. **REUTERS**

Russian plane crash kills 88

DEATHS Engine failure caused an Aeroflot Boeing 737-500 plane to crash in Russia yesterday, killing all 88 people on board, officials said, dismissing fears of a possible terrorist attack.

The dead included 21 foreign nationals flying on

the plane from Moscow to Perm in the Urals when it plunged into scrubland and railway on the edge of the city.

Aeroflot immediately said it would pay compensation of 2 million roubles to relatives of the dead. **REUTERS**

West Bank Israelis to leave?



An Israeli woman walks with her children in Ma'ale settlement near the West Bank city of Ramallah. Israel's vice-premier presented a proposal yesterday to pay thousands of Jewish settlers to leave their homes in the West Bank.

Business

Oil prices drop to six-month low

U.S. oil prices dropped more than \$2 to a six-month low below \$99 a barrel yesterday as dealers bet on a swift recovery of the nation's energy production after Hurricane Ike and the U.S. government loaned emergency oil to two refiners.

The losses add to a downwards trend in oil prices since July's peak of over \$147 a barrel amid mounting evidence that high energy costs and a weakening economy are cutting into fuel consumption.

Oil prices were down \$2.01 at \$99.17 a barrel yesterday after falling as low as \$98.55 - the lowest since Feb. 26.

Even as oil prices fell, gas prices at U.S. pumps shot up more than six cents to nearly \$3.80 a gallon, adding to a five-cent increase yesterday as retail supply concerns mounted in Ike's wake. **REUTERS**

Refineries spared

• Twelve of the 15 Texas oil refineries shuttered ahead of Hurricane Ike showed no visible signs of flooding or damage in the storm's wake, a Reuters eyewitness said yesterday, meaning fuel production could resume more quickly than initially thought.

Google counting on Android

WIRELESS Google Inc. is hoping to revolutionize wireless Internet service on mobile phones the way that it transformed the business of search engines on PCs with its new Android software.

The Android phone is depending on independent software developers to build hundreds or even thousands of programs to

run on Google software.

One of Google's challenges will be for web-page access to work on a mobile device as well as it does on a PC. The Android browser is built on the same technology as the new Google Chrome browser.

T-Mobile is expected to introduce the phone in New York on Sept. 23. **REUTERS**

Business in brief

TAINTED MILK New Zealand dairy giant Fonterra said yesterday it had been told in August that its Chinese partner was selling contaminated milk now linked to the sickness of

more than 400 babies and at least one death, as questions arose over how long the problem had been known. It was first reported on Sept. 10 that babies had fallen ill. **REUTERS**

S. Ossetia invasion planned: Ex-minister

GEORGIA Georgian President Mikheil Saakashvili had long planned a military strike to seize back the breakaway region of South Ossetia but executed it poorly, making it easy for Russia to retaliate, his ex-defence minister Irakli Okruashvili said. **REUTERS**

News in brief

BOLIVIA South American presidents are racing to prevent a deeper political crisis in Bolivia, where President Evo Morales has accused right-wing opponents of trying to topple him. **REUTERS**

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Going Green

Save on wardrobe

Looking to save money on your wardrobe? Swap and share clothes with friends who have similar tastes and size, suggests Tanya Ha in Greenology: How To Live Well, Be Green And Make A Difference.

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Election fever is heating up

Become informed about the issues and party positions on the environment

ScienceMatters

David Suzuki & Dr. Faisal Moola



With all the elections coming this fall and winter, global warming is bound to spike up with the increased hot air. South of the border, they're electing a president, and here in Canada we're heading into

a federal election.

It would be great if the environment didn't have to be an election issue. If all political parties recognized it's an issue so critical that it should transcend partisan politics, then we could vote for our party of choice based on its fiscal and social policies. The goal should be to convince all political parties to make the environment the top priority rather than to vote for the party with the best environmental record and policies. But the environment is an election issue, and as our situation stands, it should be the top election issue, especially in our upcoming federal election.

"It's vitally important for all Canadians to put the environment at the top of the agenda in this election."

After all, if we keep dragging our heels on environmental protection, our economic and social systems will, at best, face increasing stress from the costs of dealing with environmental health effects and diminishing resources, and, at worst, be moot points.

But it's difficult for voters to cut through all the rhetoric.

I can't tell you which party to vote for; I'm not even sure which one I'll vote for! But I can say that

it's vitally important for all Canadians to put the environment at the top of the agenda in this election. That means becoming informed about the issues and the various party positions on those issues and asking the candidates some direct questions.

I can tell you what I believe are some of the most important issues. Global warming is at the top of the list. Years of inaction by various governments mean that urgent measures are

needed — but it's not a choice between environment and economy. On the contrary, other countries have shown that actions such as shifting from reliance on fossil fuels and other non-renewable energy to renewable sources creates numerous jobs and economic opportunities, as well as reducing carbon emissions that contribute to global warming. I also believe that putting a price on carbon emissions, through measures such as carbon taxes and cap-and-trade systems, is essential and has been shown to be effective in other countries.

If we want democracy to

work, we can't just leave it all up to the politicians. Governments are there to serve us, so it's up to us to let them know what is important to us and what we believe they must do to ensure that we continue to enjoy the quality of life that so many have worked to build in this country. So, get out and vote, but before you do, don't just listen to the candidates — talk to them as well.

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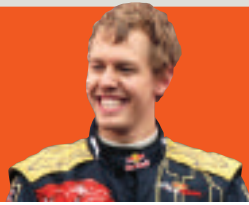
Cormier traded to the Devils

Former Halifax Mooseheads tough guy Kevin Cormier, right, was traded on Friday from the Phoenix Coyotes to the New Jersey Devils for defenceman Scott Zimmerman. Cormier is now property of the same NHL team as younger brother Patrice. **METRO HALIFAX**



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Sports



Vettel youngest F1 winner ever

Germany's Sebastian Vettel, left, stunned Formula One as the sport's youngest race winner on Sunday with an exuberant victory for tiny Toro Rosso at their home Italian Grand Prix. The 21-year-old, already the youngest to start a grand prix on pole position, gave his Ferrari-powered team their first win with a remarkably assured drive through spray and slippery conditions. **REUTERS**

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Playoff hopes all but over

Lester outduels Halladay to drop Jays 8½ games behind Red Sox



Toronto Blue Jays Vernon Wells reacts to popping out during yesterday's game against the Boston Red Sox. They Jays lost 4-3.

Red Sox 4 Blue Jays 3

A pile of little things ganged up on the Blue Jays yesterday and about all they have left now is a mathematical possibility.

Their meaningful September games now done, the Jays slipped 4-3 to the Red Sox in a game they maybe realized too late they might have had.

A sudden two-run burst in the ninth against closer Jonathan Papelbon, however, ended up as only so much tease.

In dropping three of four on their big Fenway weekend, the Jays squared off the 3-1 split they'd managed in Chicago and dropped nine losses back of the wild card-leading Sox.

"A couple of calls go our way and maybe we're still playing," said manager Cito Gaston. "We had a .500 road trip. It could have been bet-

ter. I'm not disappointed at all in how the guys played; I'm disappointed we didn't win a couple of games we probably should have."

Saturday night's, for instance, when a 5-2 lead into the Boston sixth evolved into a crushing 7-5 setback.

And yesterday, when Roy Halladay and young Boston left-hander Jon Lester duelled 2-1 through six — and, in Lester's case, eight.

Lester gave up Jose Bautista's one-out homer in the first, then precious little else.

Halladay gave up hits — and eventual runs — to his leadoff man in both the first and second, then mowed through 13 straight until a Mike Lowell single to open the seventh.

Here's where the little things started to add up.

With one down, Jason Varitek reached on a perfect double-play grounder that skittered off the grass —

and Lyle Overbay's ankle — for an error. Two hitters later, Coco Crisp's two-out single cashed the 3-1 run.

An inning later, B.J. Ryan in for some work, Alex Rios charged in from right for an attempted shoestring catch on a sinking liner by David Ortiz.

But nope, that one skipped to the wall for a triple. The next man, Kevin Youkilis, delivered the sac fly for 4-1.

"All aggressive stuff," said Gaston. "So long as it's aggressive and not foolish stuff, it doesn't bother me."

And under review here because of what transpired in the Jays ninth.

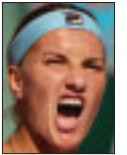
The Jays opened with a double by Vernon Wells, then a run-scoring, pinch single by Adam Lind. Then Overbay clanked one off the wall in left-centre but was ruled the first out when he tried to take two on the play. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Russia tops Spain to win Fed Cup

TENNIS Russia retained their Fed Cup title yesterday after Svetlana Kuznetsova beat Span-

ish No. 1 Anabel Medina Garrigues in a thrilling match to take an unassailable 3-0 lead.

The world No. 7's 5-7, 6-3, 6-4 victory in two hours and 39 minutes brought Russia their fourth Fed Cup in five years despite the absence of their top three players and underlined Russia's dominance of the women's game.



Zambrano tosses a no-hitter

MLB Carlos Zambrano threw the first Chicago Cubs no-hitter in 36 years, as the right-hander struck out 10 and walked only one and hit another in Chicago's 5-0 triumph over the red-hot Houston Astros.

The game was played in front of a clearly pro-Chicago crowd at Milwaukee's Miller Park due to the effects Hurricane Ike had on the Gulf Coast area over the weekend.

Biffle claims first blood in Chase

RACING Greg Biffle, without a victory in 33 races, overhauled Jimmie Johnson on lap 289 to win the Sylvania 300 yesterday, the opening race in the chase for the NASCAR championship.

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REGULAR SEASON		AMERICAN LEAGUE		EAST DIVISION	
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Cape Breton 2 P.E.I. 1		Chicago Sox 4 Detroit 2 (1st gm)		Montreal 7 4 0 14	
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Victoriaville 4 Quebec 0		L.A. Angels 4 Seattle 3		Winnipeg 3 8 0 6	
Val-d'Or at Gatineau (ppd., fog)		N.Y. Yankees 8 Tampa Bay 4		Hamilton 2 9 0 4	
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AMERICAN LEAGUE		Chicago Sox 11 Detroit 7 (2nd)		W L T PTS	
EAST DIVISION		NATIONAL LEAGUE		Saskatchewan 8 3 0 16	
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Baltimore 66 82 .446 22½		Philadelphia 7 Milwaukee 3		Calgary 41 Montreal 30	
CENTRAL DIVISION		Philadelphia 6 Milwaukee 1		Winnipeg 39 Toronto 9	
W L PCT GB		Pittsburgh 7 St. Louis 2		SATURDAY'S RESULTS	
Chicago Sox 83 65 .561 —		San Francisco 8 San Diego 6 (10)		B.C. 28 Saskatchewan 23	
Minnesota 82 67 .550 1½		TONIGHT'S GAMES		Edmonton 38 Hamilton 33	
Cleveland 72 77 .483 11½		AMERICAN LEAGUE		WEEK 2	
Detroit 67 88 .437 17		Minnesota at Cleveland, 8:05		YESTERDAY'S RESULTS	
Kansas City 65 84 .436 18½		Chicago Sox at N.Y. Yankees, 8:05		W L T PTS	
WEST DIVISION		Boston at Tampa Bay, 8:10		Arizona 31 Miami 16	
W L PCT GB		Detroit at Texas, 9:05		Buffalo 20 Jacksonville 16	
x-L.A. Angels 52 57 .617 —		Seattle at Kansas City, 9:10		Carolina 20 Chicago 17	
Texas 77 77 .487 19½		NATIONAL LEAGUE		Denver 39 San Diego 38	
Oakland 69 80 .463 23		L.A. Dodgers at Pittsburgh, 8:05		Green Bay 48 Detroit 25	
Seattle 57 91 .385 34½		Chicago Sox at N.Y. Yankees, 8:10		Indianapolis 18 Cincinnati 15	
NATIONAL LEAGUE		San Francisco at Arizona, 10:40		New England 19 N.Y. Jets 10	
EAST DIVISION		AL BATTING LEADERS		N.Y. Giants 41 St. Louis 13	
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Florida 77 72 .517 6½		Mauer Min 479 90 154 .322		Washington 29 Cincinnati 7	
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w-Milwaukee 80 68 .541 9½		Suzuki Sea 623 95 194 .311		CIS SPORTS	
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L.A. Dodgers 77 72 .517 —		Berkman Hou 509 110 167 .328		SATURDAY'S RESULTS	
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		Molina STL 441 37 135 .305			
		Schumaker STL 495 82 151 .305			

Royal call leads to Broncos win

Eddie Royal caught the game-winning touchdown and two-point conversion late in the fourth quarter, as Jay Cutler engineered a John Elway-esque fourth-quarter drive to lead the Denver Broncos in a thrilling 39-38 victory over the San Diego Chargers.

Cutler finished 36-of-50 passing for 350 yards, four touchdowns. Brandon Marshall caught 18 passes, two shy of the NFL single-game record, and went for 166 yards and a score.

Giants 41, Rams 13 — Eli Manning connected on 20-of-29 passes for 260 yards and three touchdowns.

Colts 18, Vikings 15 — Adam Vinatieri's 47-yard field goal with three seconds left lifted Indianapolis over Minnesota.

Packers 48, Lions 25 — Aaron Rodgers had three touchdown passes while Charles Woodson had a pair of interceptions, one for a touchdown.

Raiders 23, Chiefs 8 — Darren McFadden rushed for a career-best 164 yards and a touchdown on 21 carries.

Titans 24, Bengals 7 — Kerry Collins passed for 128



Broncos wide receiver Eddie Royal caught the game-winning touchdown, followed by catching a two-point conversion to give Denver a 39-38 win over the San Diego Chargers yesterday.

yards and a touchdown and LenDale White ran for another score.

Panthers 20, Bears 17 — Jonathan Stewart ran Stewart gained 77 yards on 14 carries and for his first two NFL touchdowns.

Bills 20, Jaguars 16 — Trent Edwards completed 20-of-25 passes for 239 yards and one touchdown.

Redskins 29, Saints 24 — Jason Campbell completed 24-of-36 passes for 321 yards and one touchdown.

49ers 33, Seahawks 30 (OT) — Joe Nedney kicked a 40-yard field goal with 10:20 remaining in overtime after missing a 41-yard attempt as time expired, sending the

contest into overtime.

Buccaneers 24, Falcons 9 — Earnest Graham ran for 116 yards with a touchdown and Brian Griese threw for 160 yards and a score.

Cardinals 31, Dolphins 10 — Anquan Boldin set a career-high with three touchdown catches, to go along with 140 yards.

Patriots 19, Jets 10 — In his first start in place of the injured Tom Brady, Matt Cassel was an efficient 16-for-23 for 165 yards.

Steelers 10 Browns 6 — Willie Parker rushed for 105 yards on 28 carries in this defensive affair. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Sports in brief

NFL Oakland Raiders owner Al Davis is reportedly prepared to fire second-year head coach Lane Kiffin during this season, perhaps as soon today.

NHL The Montreal Canadiens made two moves on Friday, acquiring forward Robert Lang from the Chicago Blackhawks in exchange for a second-round draft pick in 2010 and signing defenceman Patrice Brisebois to a one-year contract. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**



Lions lose first game

The Halifax Lions lost their first Maritime Junior A Hockey League game last night, a 6-2 road setback to the Yarmouth Mariners. The Lions debut at home on Tuesday at 7 p.m. against the Bridgewater Lumberjacks. **METRO HALIFAX**

Close games give hope

Despite back-to-back losses Mooseheads stay positive

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The Halifax Mooseheads have stumbled out of the gate in their 15th anniversary season with back-to-back losses.

The Herd spent the weekend on the road as the QMJHL season got underway and lost 2-1 to the Bathurst Titan yesterday and 4-3 to the Cape Breton Screaming Eagles on Friday.

But with a dozen rookies on the roster, the Mooseheads weren't complaining about a couple of one-goal setbacks, as they were within striking distance until the final buzzers.

"We had a real good effort from all of our players, and we were in both games," Mooseheads head coach Cam Russell said. "There were times we could have sat back, but I've seen a team that has battled hard for 60 minutes in both games."

Veteran Mark Yetman got both starts in goal, stopping



Cape Breton Screaming Eagles forward Vincent Lavigne, front, and Justin Pender of the Halifax Mooseheads battle for the puck during Friday's game. Cape Breton went on to beat Halifax 4-3.

24 of 26 shots yesterday and 29 of 33 shots on Friday.

Mooseheads

forward

Matt Snow, a 19-year-old Halifax native, scored his first career goal yesterday. Rookies Charles Bety and

Gerrard Grant scored their first Q goals on Friday, while veteran Yuri Cheremetiev added the other single.

Rookie Alexis Piette was the third star yesterday.

"We have four balanced lines that we'll be able to play for the entire night, four lines we can throw out in almost any situation," Russell said. "When you do that, you'll have rested guys jumping out on the ice wearing down defences."

Defenceman Graham Bona, who had two assists on Friday, wore the temporary captain's letter this weekend. A full-time captain is expected to be named at some point this week.

Cheremetiev leaves today to attend for a tryout with the Boston Bruins ... The Mooseheads debut at home on Friday, when they host the Val-d'Or Foreurs at 7 p.m. ... Logan MacMillan and Tomas Knotek, at NHL camps, and Ben MacAskill, out with a shoulder injury, did not play this weekend.

Rushing attack leads Huskies over Gaiters

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CIS The Saint Mary's Huskies ran all over the Bishop's Gaiters on Saturday afternoon in Lennoxville, Que.

The Huskies improved to 2-0 by piling up a monstrous 356 rushing yards en route to a 35-27 victory over the Gaiters in Canadian Interuniversity Sport interlock football play.

Fourth-year running back Allistair Blair finished with 223 yards on 19 carries, while Craig Leger hit the century mark. Fullback Tyler Schussler drove in a pair of touchdowns.

"We felt in Week 1 we had only scratched the surface running the ball," said head coach Steve Sumarah. "Allistair and Craig got it rolling for us and they were hard to stop."

Ted Abraham started for the second straight game at quarterback, but shared snaps evenly with Nathan Marsman and Patrick Hooey for a meager passing total of 143 yards.



Huskies running back Allistair Blair ran for 223 yards on 19 carries.

Bishop's all-Canadian running back Jamall Lee totaled 101 yards and two touchdowns, including a fourth-quarter major that drew Bishop's to within two points, 29-27.

Justin Palardy then finished things off with two of his four field goals, a 28-yarder at 13:11 and a 35-yarder at 14:52.

In other action, the nationally-ranked Laval Rouge et Or thumped the Acadia Axemen 47-1 in Wolfville, while the St. F.X. X-Men lost 33-9 to the host Montreal Carabins.

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Wayne Smith and crew celebrate winning the Carquest Maritime Pro Stock Tour title yesterday.

Smith wins Carquest title with a sixth-place finish

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RACING The Oval Outlaw made out like a bandit yesterday.

Timberlea's Wayne Smith captured his second career Carquest Maritime Pro Stock Tour title and the \$10,000 that comes with it with a sixth-place finish in the weather-delayed Parts for Trucks 200 at Scotia Speedworld near Halifax.

Smith had a 33-point edge on Lonnie Sommerville of Saint John, N.B., entering the day. By the end of yesterday's race, Sommerville had a third-place finish and Smith scraped by atop the final standings with a 17-point edge.

Enfield's Shawn Turple came in second yesterday

past champions

- 2008 — Wayne Smith.
- 2007 — Shawn Tucker.
- 2006 — John Flemming.
- 2005 — Rollie MacDonald.
- 2004 — Shawn Tucker.

and finished third in the final standings. Turple has three top-four finishes since making his debut on the tour in 2005.

Smith won the inaugural Carquest crown in 2001 and had three wins on the old MASCAR circuit in the 1990s. He is tied with Halifax's Greg Sewart for most career titles.

Terence Bay's Craig Slaunwhite won the race — his second checkered flag of the summer — to take home the tour's rookie of the year award and a fourth overall finish.

Gold for local paralympians

PARALYMPICS Halifax's Paul Tingley and Antigonish's Chelsey Gotell struck gold at the Paralympics in China on the weekend.

Tingley, a 38-year-old sailor from the Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron, placed first in the one-person keelboat to add to a bronze medal he won at the 2000 Paralympics.

"I've never won anything this big before," Tingley said.

Gotell went to the podium for the third time in Beijing, setting a world record in the 200-metre individual medley.

Dry knocked out of playoffs

BASEBALL Dartmouth Moosehead Dry's five-year title run is over.

Dartmouth was stunned 13-9 by the Kentville Wildcats in the seventh and deciding game of the Nova Scotia Senior Baseball League semifinals last night at Beazley Field.

The Dry still have a berth at next year's nationals as hosts.

"It's a tough pill to swallow, heading into nationals not even making the league finals," said disappointed player-coach Darren Doucette. "It's a little bit embarrassing."

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University of Windsor open \$1.5M med school

The University of Windsor officially opened its new \$15-million medical school, which is a satellite program of the University of Western Ontario's Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Workology

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Anti-intellectualism

The Conservative Party is portraying Liberal leader Stéphane Dion as an out-of-touch, nerdy professor in its election ads, and the use of anti-intellectualism doesn't play well in Canada, according to CAUT president James Turk.

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Acting on the swing

OddJobs

Diane Peters



If you go out to see a big, touring musical this year — say, the Monty Python-inspired *Spamalot* — keep in mind that every actor mentioned in your program might not be onstage that night. Actors get sick, they pull muscles in dance numbers and they sometimes need a vacation from a nonstop tour. Lead actors get covered by their understudies. But what about smaller roles? Those jobs get taken care of by swing actors. These masters of multitasking have to know multiple parts and perform them as perfectly as the regular actor.

That's what 25-year-old

The Lowdown

Job title: Swing actor
Salary: \$70,000 to \$90,000
Education/training: Training in acting, dancing and singing — either from a theatre school or through professional classes and workshops
Best Part of the Job: "You get to always be doing something new, it never gets boring."
Worst Part of the Job: "Those nights that you really want to be onstage and you're not out there."

Graham Bowen is doing for *Spamalot*, which he joined in April 2007. Bowen knows all the lines, singing lines and dance steps for six ensemble roles in the show. These parts are multiple roles in themselves: the actors switch throughout the show to play as many as five characters, like knights, monks and nuns.

Bowen began acting at age nine and moved from Columbus, Ohio, to New York City at age 11. He went to a performing arts high school there and got a break doing *Big: The Musical* in 1996 and has worked steadily ever since. "I consider myself a triple threat: equal parts dancer, singer and actor."

He was first asked to be a swing for the 2003 Broadway revival of *Gypsy*. "I'd never done a swing job before, it took a lot of trial and error." He auditioned specifically to be a swing for *Spamalot*, knowing it would be a challenging job that would never get dull.

He got the job, as well as the assignment of dance caption for the show. (For this job, he's responsible for making sure everyone in the show sticks to the choreography.) At the start of the three-week rehearsal process, Bowen mainly took notes. "It's the swing's job



Swing actors are lit up by spotlights like these while wearing many different outfits

to watch all of those guys and follow every thing that they do." He joined in when the ensemble sang together, and did dance moves off in the wings. He also worked outside of rehearsal time to hone his lines and singing parts.

During the show's run, Bowen and the three other swings show up at the same time as the other actors, even if they're not expected to go on — someone could become unwell at the last minute or get injured during the show. Bowen can go

Diane Peters once hawked magic pens at the Canadian National Exhibition. She's now a writer and part-time journalism instructor.

Job site aims to help out recent graduates

DEVIN STEVENS
for Metro Canada



Employers want young talent, and talented young people want jobs. Now there's a new Halifax-based business to help bring the two sides together.

"It's a website for students where they can go and get all their career information in one place," said April McLeod, founder of Flip, a company to help students and recent graduates find jobs.

"This will help drive traffic to the company's website, and not just people. Interested people. People who are interested and engaged in their career. They've selected from all employers the companies they're most interested in."

The website, theflipside.ca, should be launching in the next few weeks. McLeod eventually hopes to have a student representing the company on each campus in Atlantic Canada. She's also negotiating with potential employers like Canadian Tire, Pepsi and Proctor & Gamble.

Flip will give students information about careers at hundreds of different companies. If they like what they see, students will be able to click a link and go to that company's own career site for more information and job postings.

There will be links to each school's career site, information on career fairs and upcoming events, and a monthly newsletter complete with stories from the labour market. The "Flipletter" will have profiles of recent grads, YouTube videos and more.

"This is something (that) from what I can tell, does not exist," McLeod said.

Recruiters currently hold information sessions at each campus. Competition for students at these sessions is fierce,

and can be a huge expense to the company, McLeod said. She hopes Flip will be able to compliment those events.

A worker with Dalhousie University's Career Services for almost eight years, McLeod got the idea for Flip when 150 companies visited the campus in two months. With so many students busy with school, social lives and part-time jobs, she thought there had to be a way to cut through the confusion and help companies and students find each other.

As for age, McLeod doesn't want to put limits on the site.

"It's never too early to start focusing on your career," McLeod said. "In fact, I would love high school students to sign up, just so they can start getting those newsletters and finding out what's going on."

"It's never too early to start focusing on your career."
April McLeod

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Chace Crawford has reportedly been lined up to be the new face of Versace. The Gossip Girl star is said to be close to signing a deal to replace Grey's Anatomy actor Patrick Dempsey as the face of the fashion label. **FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK**

Entertainment

Alba algebra

Actress Jessica Alba is to play a mathematics genius in a new movie, *Invisible*. Alba won the role after *Ugly Betty* commitments forced America Ferrera to pull out. **FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK**



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Chris Isaak

Chris Isaak performs at Metro Centre

CONCERT Chris Isaak arrives in Halifax to play the Metro Centre tonight. Opening the show is Maritime singer/songwriter Lennie Gallant. The show starts at 8 p.m. and tickets cost \$66.50. To order, call the Metro Centre at 451-1221.

METRO HALIFAX

In brief

FILM The Atlantic Filmmakers Cooperative is looking for 15 first-time filmmakers to take part in its 10th One Minute Film Scholarship Program. The scholarship is a six-month program to learn the basics of filmmaking while creating one-minute films. The deadline for application is September 22. For more info see www.af-coop.ca/omf.five.

DANCE Live Art Dance Productions will continue its 26th season with the two-act solo production *Nick and Juanita: Livin' in my Dreams*, starring Tara Cheyenne Friedenberg. Friedenberg brings theatre and dance together in what's being advertised as "an incandescently hilarious performance." The production runs from Oct. 9 through Oct. 11 at the Sir James Dunn Theatre at the Dalhousie Arts Centre.

THEATRE Eastern Front Theatre has put out a call for submissions for the SuperNova Theatre Festival, the company's 16th Atlantic Canadian national professional theatre festival. The festival is looking for adult productions 30 to 90 minutes long and children's productions under an hour long. The festival will be held May 7 through 17, 2009.

TELEVISION Living Halifax and its host Heidi Petracek kicks off its third season today on CBC television. The program is a guide to better living in Halifax, with Petracek exploring places to go and things to do in the city. The show airs weekdays at 3 p.m.

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O Christmas tree terror

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For a guy who just made a movie about killer Christmas trees mercilessly attacking their human captors, you might expect Jason Eisener to have some terrible Christmas memories.

Turns out, not so much. "Every year I love decorating the Christmas tree with my family. You know, we have our traditions where we play an old Christmas record," said the local filmmaker. "Then I thought, 'This must be really f---ed up for a Christmas tree.' To be chopped down from your home in the woods, to be taken to this place all lit up with decorations ... and then Christmas music comes on and a family comes and put stuff on you."

"I thought 'wow, that must be horrifying.'"

That's the point of view Eisener shows audiences in his new short film, *Treevenge*, playing this week at the Atlantic Film Festival.

Eisener shot to fame last year when the movie trailer *Hobo* with a Shotgun created by him and Rob Cotterill (who also co-wrote *Treevenge*), beat out hundreds of entries to



The short film *Treevenge*, by local filmmaker Jason Eisener, is about killer Christmas trees out for revenge during the holiday season.

win the Grindhouse Trailer Competition at the South by Southwest film festival.

Treevenge follows in *Hobo*'s footsteps in that it's utterly gory, over the top fun. Eisener and some friends shot the film last

Christmas season, funding the couple-thousand-dollars budget out of pocket.

Jonathan Torrens came on board to play an over-eager father hoping for the perfect Christmas (hint: it doesn't happen).

"He just brought a whole new feel to the role. He brought a lot to the film," said Eisener.

Next up Eisener is working on a feature version of *Hobo* with a Shotgun. While not yet definite, he said things are looking

very good for the project.

Treevenge plays as part of the CBC Atlantic Shorts gala Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Oxford Theatre, as well as a double-billing with *Midnight Meat Train* on Thursday at Midnight at the Oxford.

Always popular Atlantic short films screen tonight

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SCREENING Two collections of Atlantic Canadian short films play this evening at Park Lane theatre. This showcase of local filmmaking talent is always a major draw, so be sure to show up early to get a seat. Among some of the highlights:

Epilogue, directed by Emily Bridger: An initially awkward conversation on the morning after a late-night hookup reveals Evelyn and Henry have shared something much more substantial than a bed leading up to last night.

Pawn Shop, directed by Andrew Bush: Bush and writer Evany Rosen, both of *Picnicface* fame, deliver a wry comedy about a



One of Us Cannot Be Right is a sexually-charged short film being screened tonight at Park Lane.

man who walks into a pawn shop looking for an engagement ring. The crusty owner sends the man for an existential loop, leading up to a twist ending.

One of Us Cannot Be Right, directed by Jacqueline Hynes: A Newfoundland woman hits the local bars the night after a breakup. Soon a few drinks turns into a long

evening of smoldering looks and brazen flirting in this sexually-charged drama.

Secrets of Autumn, directed by Pamela Gallant: A travelling business

woman ends up stranded in a small town when her car breaks down. Local drama reminds her of her own painful past, but she soon realizes things in the town are not what they seem.

Dirty Laundry, directed by Daun Windover: This Bridge Award-winning drama about several characters interacting in the North End was shot on Agricola Street. The AFF compares its style to films such as *Short Cuts*, *Magnolia* and *Nashville*.

Ugly Girl, directed by Sarah Byrne: A look at 10-year-old schoolgirl Penny, who yearns to drastically change her appearance. This short is a familiar yet uplifting look at the pressure put on girls to be beautiful.

Shawn cast in Gossip Girl

Wallace Shawn (The Princess Bride, Clueless) is joining Gossip Girl for a multi-episode arc as Cyrus, father to Serena's new artsy boyfriend Aaron (John Patrick Amedori). EW.COM

Fall shows stumble

IntelleVision



FALLING FAST: The fall TV season has stumbled out of the gate with a lot of not particularly good news about shows that were supposed to take over our lives like food poisoning after a frat house cookout.

Weeks of relentless publicity carried out in spite of a lock-out that prevented critics from previewing the debut episode didn't end up doing the 90210 revival any favours, as the CW show lost almost 30 per cent of its viewers by its second week on the air, hinting that a lot of new shows are likely to lose traction from viewers more curious than committed.

Poor omen No. 2 is the disappointing turnout for J. J. Abrams' Fringe, which only attracted 9.1 million viewers for its premiere on Fox. "Only" 9.1 million is,

of course, a number that has to be put through the executive TV business translator — shows survive on cable for years with a fraction of those numbers, after all — and the indispensable Lisa de Moraes of the Washington Post broke down the Fringe numbers in a column last week.

Fox turned that frown upside down by calling it the most watched network drama premiere in two years, but de Moraes noted the qualifier — that this was only true "excluding premieres following sports and American Idol."

Using Fox's fine-tuned logic, that would make Fringe's debut the biggest single TV program audience ever in a month starting with an S, in a week with a hurricane alert, on a night where the governor of Alaska is getting more news coverage than said hurricane, and in the house where the show's set decorator lives.

By comparison, de Moraes points out, Fringe's first night did worse than the 2006 debut of Standoff, the hostage-negotiators-in-love police drama.

Fringe might top 10 million viewers with its second episode this week, but it would only manage this prodigious feat after lukewarm-to-hostile reviews and by flaunting the "go ahead, impress me" impatience of viewers.

Fox might have more bad news coming with word that Joss Whedon has shut down production on his new series Dollhouse for two weeks.

A TV Week story reported that Fox was concerned with how unsympathetic the character played by the show's lead, Eliza Dushku, was coming off in already-complete episodes.

Whedon has already shifted the show's pilot to episode 2 and rewrote the premiere; these failures of nerve are being excused as business as usual, but to viewers whose patience is diminishing as their viewing options are increasing, this might mean the fall season is setting itself up for a big, sloppy wet faceplant.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

Bowles serves tasty travelogue

The Year of Eating Dangerously

Author: Tom Parker Bowles
Publisher: St. Martin's Griffin
Price: \$16.95 (Hardcover)

In a veritable gastronomic atlas, British food critic Tom Parker Bowles (Camilla's son) takes readers on a world journey lead by the writer's adventurous palate. Traveling from his native England through nations in Europe, North America and Asia, Parker Bowles introduces the origins and discovery of non-traditional dishes and delicacies in a work that is as much food criticism as it is equal parts travelogue, history and geography lessons. Clever and full of colourful descriptions, Parker Bowles not only sinks his teeth into local fare, but into the lives and lessons of farmers and friends he meets.

BRIAN COULTON/ FOR METRO CANADA

BookPicks

The Road Home

Author: Rose Tremain
Publisher: Vintage Books
Price: \$21.95 (Paperback)

Far from his native Eastern Europe, 42-year-old unemployed migrant Lev is on his way by coach train to England in pursuit of work. Leaving his mother and five-year-old daughter behind, Lev expresses how he still hasn't quite grown up, while continuing his struggle to reconcile the death of his wife by leukemia. Winner of the 2008 Orange Broadband Prize for Fiction, The Road Home describes Lev's visual journey in rich detail as he is introduced to a new and very alternative life than he is used to in a vague and vicious London.

BRIAN COULTON/ FOR METRO CANADA

Coventry

Author: Helen Humphreys
Publisher: Harper Collins Publishers
Price: \$24.95 (Hardcover)

In the title British town, Harriet Marsh is spending one night atop a cathedral as a firewatcher. In 1940's Britain, that means staking out the skies for the inevitable German offensive that will shake Coventry to its core. When the enemy strikes, Harriet is faced with traveling through the town to find Maeve, mother of local boy Jeremy who Harriet spots on the night they are attacked. In story that balances hope and tragedy with Harriet's memories of love and loss, Humphreys evokes strong imagery while maintaining an involving narrative.

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In brief

TIFF WINNER: Slumdog Millionaire, a tribute to the Indian metropolis of Mumbai and a story about a dream, won the top award at the Toronto Film Festival Saturday. It is directed by Britain's Danny Boyle will be released in U.S. theatres on Nov. 28. REUTERS

Box office

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theatres:

- Burn After Reading:** \$19.4 million US
- The Family That Preys:** \$18 million
- Righteous Kill:** \$16.5 million
- The Women:** \$10.1 million
- The House Bunny:** \$4.3 million
- Tropic Thunder:** \$4.2 million
- The Dark Knight:** \$4 million
- Bangkok Dangerous:** \$2.4 million
- Traitor:** \$2.1 million
- Death Race:** \$2 million

REUTERS

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	7	7	7	ASN	The Road to Avonlea	Robson Arms	TMZ (N)	Sarah Connor Chronicles	America's Toughest Jobs (N)	Comedy Now		
	11	11	11	CBC	Coronation St.	Jeopardy! (N)	Flood (2007, Drama)	Robert Carlyle, Tom Courtenay.	CBC News: The National	The Hour		
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	32	32	32	CBS	News (N)	Evening News	The Insider (N)	Entertainment	Big Bang Th	How I Met	TwoHalf Men	Old Christine
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	14	14	14	SPICE	CSI: Crime Scene	UFC Best of 2007	Katie & Peter: Next Chapter	Tonight Show	Jon & Kate	Jon & Kate	Jon & Kate	Jon & Kate
	98	98	98	STAR	News Show	News Show	TV Made, Do It	Very Bad Men	Pekin express "Oulan-Bator"	Murder, She Wrote	Will & Grace	Friends
	21	21	21	TLC	What Not to Wear	TV Made, Do It	Very Bad Men	Pekin express "Oulan-Bator"	Murder, She Wrote	Will & Grace	Friends	How Clean

critics' corner

Prison Break
If it weren't for bad luck, they'd have no luck at all. But the tide may be turning for Michael and Lincoln (Wentworth Miller, Dominic Purcell); at least they got out of Sonoma and found out Sara (Sarah Wayne Callies) isn't dead after all. Let's see if their lucky streak holds out long enough for them to achieve their goal of taking down The Company. 10 PM on CHIF, FOX



Deal or No Deal
A physical education teacher and avid video game player from Michigan is surprised with extra \$1 million cases on the board and the chance to be immortalized in a video game. A woman from Illinois gets extra chances at a million before she even admits to Howie that she has a thing for bald men. 9 PM on NBC

Body Remix - Goldberg Variations
The theme is freedom, and the method is props — lots of them. In this new special, choreographer Marie Chouinard puts 10 dancers through a variety of moves making use of crutches, harnesses, prostheses, ropes and other devices in addition to their own bodies. As you might have guessed from the title, the musical accompaniment is Johann Sebastian Bach's "Goldberg Variations." 10 PM on BRVO

The Biggest Loser alumni Matt and Suzy Hoover welcomed their second boy on Thursday. Jax Paul, who was born in Seattle joins older brother Rex Timothy. **PEOPLE.COM**

Celebrity Buzz

Anderson to Palin: 'Suck it'

POLITICS Don't expect former Baywatch star Pamela Anderson to support Republican vice-presidential nominee Sarah Palin, the New York Daily News reports.

Anderson, who was in Toronto for a speech railing against the abuse of animals in Hollywood, let loose on the Alaska governor. When Anderson was asked if she saw a recent Newsweek article that included a picture of a bear hide in Palin's office, Anderson took aim at Palin.

"I can't stand her," Anderson told E! News Weekend Canada. "She can suck it!"

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GETTY IMAGES PHOTOS

Richie reacts unkindly to fan's photo: Report

OUTBURST Nicole Richie clashed with a fan outside a New York nightclub, according to reports.

The socialite allegedly became angry when a tourist attempted to take her picture as she left an after-party at Country Club, hosted by Mark and Samantha Ronson's fashion designer sister Charlotte as part of New York Fashion Week, imdb.com reports.

New York



Post gossip column PageSix reports that Richie took offence and allegedly broke the girl's camera. "A young tourist was trying to take her photo," a source tells PageSix. Richie reportedly shouted, "I'm not an animal" then jumped over the velvet rope, ripped the camera out of the girl's hand, and smashed it to the ground.

A representative for Richie could not be reached.

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DeGeneres scolds Seacrest, tells him to settle down

PEOPLE Newlywed Ellen DeGeneres has warned Ryan Seacrest to find a girlfriend soon before he gets too old to settle down, imdb.com reports.

DeGeneres wed her girlfriend Portia De Rossi last month, and now the talk-show host is urging the 33-year-old American Idol presen-



ter to sort out his personal life before it is too late. Speaking on her Ellen DeGeneres show, she says, "You're going to wait too long and get in a rut being single. You have to let go and be with someone. You're a great guy. You're funny. You're smart. You're getting old."

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celebrity brief

Fox may prefer male friends

PEOPLE Megan Fox hates actresses, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The Transformers star admits she hasn't got any female friends in the industry and prefers hanging out with her male friends.

"I only had one girlfriend when I was growing up. Most of my friends were boys."

"I was such a tomboy."

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celebrity briefs I'm no diva, Scarlett says

PEOPLE Scarlett Johansson has denied she is prone to "diva-like" behaviour, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The 23-year-old actress has hit out at reports suggesting she is difficult to work with, claiming she doesn't let her success go to her head. "I'm not (a diva). I live a very modest and private lifestyle. Things get crazy with the media, but am I demanding or travel with a huge entourage? No!"



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Butler's wild and crazy times

PEOPLE Gerard Butler was so wild in his youth he was convinced he would die young, imdb.com reports.

Butler gave up alcohol in his mid-20s because he would go off the rails when he was drunk. "I was totally wild," Butler tells British magazine Marie Claire. "I would headbutt walls, punch walls. I definitely had a suicide wish. I once woke up in Paris at 4 a.m., five miles from where I'd been at a party. I had gashes to my head, my face, my arms, and I had blood all over my clothes. To this day, I don't know what happened."

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"This makes no sense at all..."

by Joe O'Neill

At last, **Pam Anderson** has weighed in regarding the U.S. election. **Sarah Palin** "...can suck it," opined the Canadian-born actress. Nice to know that Anderson, with her beauty beginning to fade, has her incisive intelligence and Kennedy School of Government education to fall back on. The issue would appear to be the presence of a bearskin rug seen in Palin's office.

Anderson, a longtime PETA activist, cannot abide cruelty to animals, and it's alleged that Palin forced the bear to watch Pammie's V.I.P. television series before she shot it. I don't know what the problem with Palin's being a hunting enthusiast is. Seems to me that the bear is dead, and unlike current Vice President **Dick Cheney**, she didn't to shoot anyone in the face while hunting it, so full points for marksmanship.

Anyway, with the opinions of actuarial math whiz **Good Matt Damon**, and the **Kentucky Colonel Hater** now accounted for, it looks like Hollywood is finally getting back to doing what they do best: unwittingly helping to elect Republicans to the Oval Office. I can only hope Anderson won't neglect comment on the federal election being waged in the country of her birth.

Pammie, **Stephen Harper**'s on Line 1. He's wearing leather pants, eating from a bucket of extra crispy, and he wants you to tell Canadians exactly what you think of him.

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Lohan denies she's marrying Ronson

RELATIONSHIPS Lindsay Lohan has denied reports she is set to wed rumoured girlfriend Samantha Ronson, imdb.com reports.

The actress was allegedly planning to walk down the aisle with the Los Angeles DJ, after Ronson reportedly told party-goers at a recent gig: "By the end of the year, my love will be Mrs. Ronson."

Lohan was also seen

sporting a diamond on her left ring finger, fuelling speculation about impending nuptials.

"They (reporters) lie. She bought it (the ring) herself. It's an antique ring that she found at an antiques store in NYC," a Lohan rep tells Access Hollywood.

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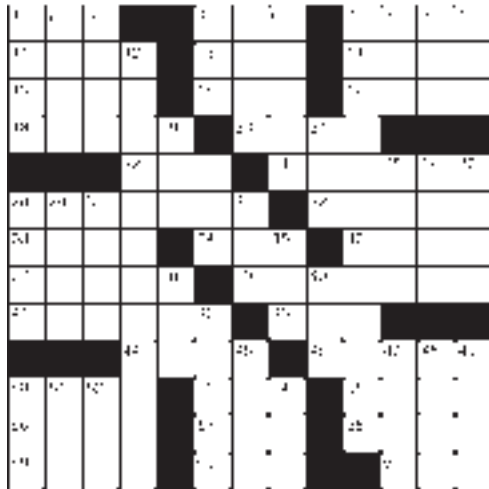


Shelton to play House

House has admitted Samantha Shelton (Monarch Cove) to play a fitness instructor who comes down with a stupefying illness in a November episode. **EW.COM**



Take Five



Crossword down

- 1 Amorphous mass
- 2 Hold the scepter
- 3 "Yeah, right!"
- 4 Lamb's mommy
- 5 Dalai —
- 6 Still-life subject, often
- 7 Corporate barrier of a sort
- 8 Intend
- 9 Rage
- 10 Light brown
- 12 Rose to address the group
- 19 Obtain
- 21 Twosome
- 23 Jewel
- 25 Gulf War missile
- 26 Entice

- 27 Piccadilly statue
- 28 Jacket
- 29 Call for silence
- 30 Rue the run
- 31 Massage
- 35 Solidify
- 38 Pigs' digs
- 40 Trinity member
- 42 Slow mover
- 45 MRI forerunner
- 47 Toe woe
- 48 Employ
- 49 Authentic
- 50 Burst
- 51 Raw rocks
- 52 Meadow
- 54 Away from WSW

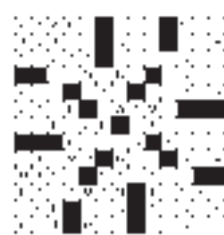
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Crossword across

- 1 Lingerie item
- 4 Will Ferrell Christmas movie
- 7 Rate of walking
- 11 Craving
- 13 Civil —
- 14 Old Italian money
- 15 Hedgepodge
- 16 Ostrich's cousin
- 17 Prayer conclusion
- 18 Confuse
- 20 Lends a hand
- 22 St. Bernard's burden
- 24 Rough struggle
- 28 Gab
- 32 Happen
- 33 "That hurts!"
- 34 Beer holder
- 36 14-Across' replacement
- 37 Bonfire residue
- 39 Other than
- 41 Robberies
- 43 Chatroom chuckling
- 44 Bobcat

- 46 Dark hours
- 50 Horseback pastime
- 53 Exist
- 55 Film —
- 56 Sandwich cookie
- 57 Author Fleming
- 58 Mentor
- 59 Bosc or Bartlett
- 60 Old soap ingredient
- 61 Ball prop

previous day's answer



This day in history

SEPT. 15, 1616: The first non-aristocratic, free public school in Europe is opened in Frascati, Italy.
SEPT. 15, 1835: The HMS Beagle, with Charles Darwin aboard, reaches the Galapagos Islands.
SEPT. 15, 1916: World War I: Tanks are used for the first time in battle, at the Battle of the Somme.
SEPT. 15, 1935: Nuremberg Laws deprive German Jews of citizenship. Nazi Germany adopts a new national flag with the swastika.
SEPT. 15, 1944: Franklin D. Roosevelt and Winston Churchill meet in Quebec as part of the Octagon Conference to discuss strategy.
SEPT. 15, 2004: NHL commissioner Gary Bettman announced a lockout of the players union and cessation of operations by the NHL head office.

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HOW TO PLAY SUDOKU:

The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

previous day's answer

5	8	9	3	2	4	6	7	1
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3	2	1	4	5	6	8	9	7
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SUDOKU SOLVE TIME:
Under 13 min. Genius
13-17 min. Scholar
17-21 min. Smart
21-25 min. Not bad
25+ min. Keep practising

Horoscopes

AVATAR VENUS

ARIES

MARCH 21-APRIL 20

A doubtful contender wins a competition. Express your amusement while you play. You'll make a discovery while searching a closet.

TAURUS

APRIL 21-MAY 21

An outburst will cause distress. An easily offended person is too money conscious. You should comply with all reasonable requests.

GEMINI

MAY 22-JUNE 21

It's okay to admit that you were wrong. Don't expect a reply from a manager. Avoid stimulants because your tolerance level has changed.

CANCER

JUNE 22-JULY 22

You'll feel affection for somebody in crisis. Offer the gift of your devoted heart. A wonderful stroke of luck solves an ugly problem.

LEO

JULY 23-AUG 23

Get out and socialize with those who know your secrets. Freaky laughter will concern you. A bimbo will save the day.

VIRGO

AUG 24-SEPT 22

Ask a faker to avoid telling all about an illness. Elation erupts when someone is open to understanding. Issues can be understood with clarity.

LIBRA

SEPT 23-OCT 23

There's socializing in store for a visitor. Partners are unexpectedly nurturing after hearing happy news. It's a peak period for your imagination.

SCORPIO

OCT 24-NOV 22

A disturbance provokes disappointment. Nostalgia develops for the good old days. Make plans to be less disciplined for a while.

SAGITTARIUS

NOV 23-DEC 21

Being confident will make a difference. A guilty person made a sneaky mistake. Today's gossip frenzy is about a couple.

CAPRICORN

DEC 22-JAN 20

Everything seems to come with little effort. Grant someone's wish just because you can. A message comes from a puzzling person.

AQUARIUS

JAN 21-FEB 18

Someone touches your heart with their devotion. Shocking details are found in ordinary events. Concentrate your efforts on a friendly guy.

PISCES

FEB 19-MAR 20

Your privileges will be acknowledged. Go through the day with your mind focussed on co-operation. Everyone decides to compromise.

Sudoku

2			5		8			
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Halifax weather

Afternoon



Showers.
22°

Tonight



Variable.
14°

Tuesday



Partly cloudy.
19° / 12°

Wednesday



Sunny.
19° / 9°

Thursday



Sunny.
17° / 7°



Temperature Normals
High: 19°
Low: 10.7°

Records
High: 26.7°/1976
Low: 4.4°/1959

Sunrise: 6:53 a.m.
Sunset: 7:23 p.m.
Moonset: 7:05 a.m.
Moonrise: 7:17 p.m.

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